POLICY NOTE

THE PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS AND PUBLIC BODIES ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 (TREATMENT OF THE CONVENER OF THE SCHOOL CLOSURE REVIEW PANELS AS SPECIFIED AUTHORITY) ORDER 2014

SSI 2014/XXX

1. The above instrument is made to ensure that the appointment of the Convener of the School Closure Review Panels is regulated by the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland, and to ensure that the appointment process is required to comply with the Code of Practice prepared and published by the Commissioner under section 2 of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003.

Policy objectives

2. The instrument is required in preparation for the commencement of new Schedule 2A (School Closure Review Panels) of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, as inserted into that Act by section 81(5) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (the 2014 Act). Paragraph 1(1) of new Schedule 2A establishes the office of the Convener of the School Closure Review Panels and it is intended to commence Schedule 2A in early 2015.

3. This Order provides that the office of the Convener of the School Closure Review Panels is, for the purposes of or in connection with appointments to that body, to be treated as if it were a specified authority listed in schedule 2 to the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003.

Consultation

4. Formal consultation took place on the policy proposals in Part 15 of the 2014 Act during summer 2013. Informal consultation with stakeholders took place during the Parliamentary process and continues following Royal Assent.

Impacts

5. An equality impact assessment and business and regulatory impact assessment were carried out for the Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill. The impact assessments are available on the Scottish Government website.

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